HELPFUL TIPS FOR REMOVING GRAFFITI

The following information is to be used as a guide only.

Non-Sensitive Surfaces

(Painted wood siding, painted concrete etc.)

- Apply a stain-killing primer or pigmented shellac. This seals the graffiti and keeps it from bleeding through fresh paint.
- Repaint the surface with an appropriate color. Poor paint jobs can lead to more graffiti; try to match.

Sensitive Surfaces

(Brick, stucco, metal, glass, etc.)

- Use extra strength paint remover or graffiti remover. Apply with a wire brush and allow it to dry. Rinse with a forceful stream of water.
- Use paint remover and wash off with a high-pressure water hose.
- Use stucco paint and carefully cover graffiti.
- Use paint remover sparingly; rinse carefully.
- Use carburetor cleaner if regular cleaners do not work. Use caution with Plexiglas as it scratches easily.

Consult your local paint store for advice and clarification on the pros and cons of graffiti removal tech niques.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteers can strengthen our community and help make Arlington a graffiti-free city.

Participating as a volunteer in a graffiti management program has numerous benefits

- for you and your neighborhood includingBuilding capacity to manage graffiti in
- your neighborhood.

 Bringing residents together to develop

community solutions

- Becoming a role model in your community.
- Proactively engaging neighbors to prevent crime.
- Increasing safety and cleanliness.
- Helping to promote and maintain healthy neighborhoods.

YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

WIPEOUT Graffit is a local group of citizen volunteers that work with the City of Arlington and is dedicated to wiping out graffit anywhere it is located. This group's motto is, "Taking back our city: one wall, one fence, one 'tag' at a time." They volunteer their time and labor to anyone within the city that can't remove the graffit themselves. Paint and supplies are provided by the city, property owners, businesses, or donated by the community.



PREVENTION

One of the most effective ways to prevent graffit is to keep your property neat and clean. Vandals do not commonly target properties that appear to be occupied and cared for. Rapid removal of graffit is an effective prevention tool as well. Data shows that removal within 48 hours results in nearly zero rate of recurrence. City of Arlington Municipal Code 9,28.050 requires that graffit be removed within 48 hours. The party responsible for the property can be issued civil infractions (fined) for each day it is not removed.

Check out WIPEOUT Graffiti's Facebook Page for more information or to volunteer:

www.arlingtonwa.gov/GraffitiVolunteer

To donate towards the purchase of supplies and paint for our volunteers and this program, please visit the City of Arlington's Graffiti Removal Program:

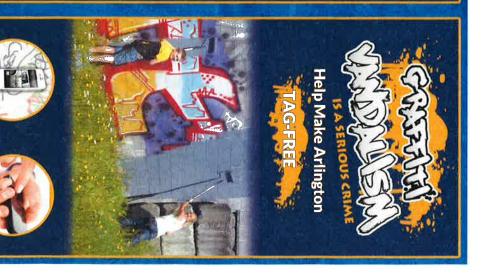
www.arlingtonwa.gov/Donate

Or donate in person at the Arlington Police Department, 110 East Third Street, Arlington Washington, 98223





RECORD



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IS A CRIME

annually to remove or covergraffiti is an act of vandalism that costs some people may hear the word graffiti and a mark on public or private property. While unauthorized etching, painting or placing of Spray paint vandalism or 'graffiti" is the Arlington taxpayers thousands of dollars freestyle expression, the reality is that think of it as an art form or a mode of

TAGGING IS DESTRUCTIVE

experience pride and a developing contain letters. The tag becomes a character or "tag" that may or may not and/or painting of an identifiable symbolic of Arlington is "tagging" which is the writing recognition among other taggers signature for the vandal who may The most common type of graffiti in the City

FAGGING GRAFFITI

untrained eye and intended to be seen by painting their distinctive tags in as many fame and status from other taggers by refer to themselves as taggers. They gain This form of graffiti is usually illegible to the places as possible. They may also paint Individuals involved in this form of graffiti pieces," which are highly stylized murals

CANG GRAFFITI

and consequences. generally disrespect community rules, laws of property owners, seek notoriety and circumstance, vandals disregard the rights or to intimidate a neighborhood. In either gang, mark territory recruit new members communication that is used to promote a responsible. Gang graffiti is a method of members or their associates are This form of graffiti is less common and gang

ANYTHING BUT

A "VICTIMLESS" CRIME

annually on graffiti removal delays. The City spends thousands of dollars garages, vehicles and fences have been however, due to volumes there may be on the job as quickly as possible year-round The City of Arlington Public Works Team is impression with tourists and other visitors graffiti-ridden city does not leave a good behavior and acts of violence. And overall, a lead to an increase in other criminal can invite even more vandalism. It may also invitation for more littering, loitering and property values and can create an open looking unsafe or intimidating. It reduces with removal, graffiti can result in an area be directly affected when they find their boxes, and signage; individual citizens car public property meaning bridges, utility Spray paint vandalism often occurs on tagged. In addition to the associated costs

GOAL

safe, graffiti-free city by: We are working towards our goal of a clean

- Removing graffiti as quickly as possible.
- Enhancing civic pride and prosperity for graffiti. residents and businesses.

Increasing community capacity to manage

- Encouraging the use of prevention techniques.
- Supporting residents and businesses with Providing easy and accessible reporting
- Involving businesses, residents, youth writers as partners. community organizations and graffiti appropriate tools and resources.
- Adopting best practices and research based solutions to manage graffiti



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the graffiti even using your mobile device It's a great idea to quickly snap a photo of

and to link the offender to other crimes. This helps investigators determine patterns

Email the photo to police@arlingtonwa gov

REPORT

All graffiti incidents, whether in progress or non-emergency number: 425-407-3999. not, can be reported to the police

- If the incident is in progress a police unit may be dispatched. Call police as soon as
- If the incident is not in progress but you wish to make a report of the graffiti, a report will be taken over the phone.

number: 425-407-3999. Send email to 360-403-3400 or the non-emergency Arlington Police Department at To report existing graffiti on any property (public or private), call or email the City of police@arlingtonwa.gov

REMOVE

Graffiti Nuisance) ideally within 48 hours (AMC 9.28.050 that you remove it as soon as possible -If you are a victim of graffiti, it is important

- Rapid removal sends a clear message that defacing your property is not acceptable.
- Recurrence is significantly reduced.
- Removal products work best on newly applied graffiti.

Rapid removal eliminates the public

recognition sought by graffiti vandals.

 Rapid removal of graffiti keeps your property and neighborhood clean and

